

# Renton Library Advisory Board



## Meeting Minutes

City Hall, Council Conference Room

October 22, 2014 ~ 5:30 p.m.

### **I. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Lynne King called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.

#### **In Attendance**

Members: Laurie Beden, Lynne King, Erica Richey, Catherine Ploue-Smith, Suzi Ure

City Staff: Terry Higashiyama, Peter Renner, Diane Wagner, Karen Bergsvik

KCLS Staff: Fred Gurney, Adrienne "Dri" Ralph

### **II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

A motion was made by Laurie Beden, seconded by Suzi Ure, to approve. All were in favor, motion carried, agenda approved as written.

### **III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Catherine Ploue-Smith made a motion to approve September 2014 minutes, Erica Richey seconded. All were in favor, motion carried, minutes approved as written.

### **IV. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS/PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

### **V. BOARD COMMUNICATIONS**

Adrienne "Dri" Ralph was on hand to make a power-point presentation regarding the art selection process for both the Liberty Park and Highlands Libraries. She showed slides of the architect renderings / floor plans of each library and talked about the 60+ high-caliber artists that submitted materials. She said there is not much wall space at the Liberty Park Library since the major portion of the library is glass so they are looking at hanging and dimensional art. One of the favorites is Benjamin Moore, who is widely known in the glass industry as one of the best. He has held exhibits at the Tacoma Art Museum, Seattle Art Museum, any many more locations.

The Highlands Library has more wall space so they are looking for art in the children's and teens areas, and an area near the stairs, along with other locations. They have selected a few artists to pursue further including Ethan Murrow, Anna Fidler, Kirsten Hassenfeld, and Enrique Chagoya. They are still in the decision and negotiation phase and no final decisions have been made.

**VI. CITY REPORT / Terry Higashiyama, Peter Renner, Karen Bergsvik**

Peter shared a few videos from one of the weekly construction meetings and building walk-thru. He shared information relating to the structure and beam replacements and painting and said they have run into a few delays with Yakima Steel but things are progressing. He said he has heard positive comments regarding the construction team and how positive the team is and everyone wants to move forward and make progress with the best attitudes. Peter also shared pictures of the site with the group.

Peter briefly talked about the Highlands location and the start of demolition on the Renton Housing Authority (RHA) units. He said the construction company will use the RHA maintenance building as their job shack, in turn creating a credit to the construction costs for not having to supply one to the site.

Terry Higashiyama discussed the Sunset Park and said the Council will get a final park design review on Monday, October 27, 2014. She said it is the City's intention to purchase the park land by the end of 2014. Some of the Community Services staff will be traveling to Olympia to the Governors finance committee meeting in hopes to get this project into the capital budget and hoping to at least get half the park built. She said City Staff is going through grant documents in the hopes to get funds reimbursed for this purchase / construction.

**VII. KCLS REPORT/FRED GURNEY**

Fred advised the group the Fairwood Library is scheduled to open December 6, 2014, with a preview party tentatively scheduled for November 20. Fred said he will submit the Library Board names' to be invited to the preview party. Fred continued with information on different programs and events held in the past month and upcoming events such as Casper Baby pants, who will be at the Renton community Center on October 30 at 10am. He also said that KCLS participated in the City's employee health fair with a booth and had quite a few people stop by for information and give-a-ways.

Fred gave a brief update on the KCLS director search and said they have three candidates who will participate in a series of interviews in November and then a decision should be made with a hopeful start date in the next few months.

**VIII. OLD BUSINESS**

None

**IX. NEW BUSINESS – Lynne King**

Terry shared information on a recent article in the national published magazine Landscape Architect regarding Meadow Crest Playground. Diane will email the link to the Board. Terry also remarked on tentative plans for the Holiday gathering scheduled for December 9 to be jointly held with the Parks Commission board members.

**X. INFORMATION**

None.

**XI. ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Erica Richey and seconded by Catherine Ploue-Smith, to adjourn the October meeting. All were in favor, motion carried, the meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

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**NEXT REGULAR MEETINGS**



**NOVEMBER MEETING**

**Wednesday, November 19, 2014**

City Hall ~ Council Conference Room



**DECEMBER MEETING**

**Tuesday, December 9, 2014**

**Holiday Party with Parks Commission**

Renton History Museum